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3 Tank Brigade  
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ORDER

(For Performing Services in the Brigade)

1. The Chain of Command: Effective immediately the chain of command in the brigade is the following:

a. Subordinate to the Brigade Commander:

Deputy commander for Political Section  
Deputy commander for Technical Section  
Deputy commander for Quartermaster (TIL)  
Chief of Staff  
Chiefs of engineers, Chemical and Sanitation services  
Commanders of the tank battalions  
Commanders of the infantry companies and L.V. batteries

b. Subordinate to the Deputy Commander of Political Section:

Instructors

c. Subordinate to Deputy Commander of the Technical Section:

Technical division  
Technical companies

d. Subordinate to Deputy Commander of Rear Echelon ("TIL"):

Supply Division  
QM Platoon

e. Subordinate to Chief of Staff:

Chiefs of sections within the Staff  
Staff clerks  
C.O. of Headquarters Company

Remarks: The cartographers assigned to the Staff of Brigade are subordinate to Chief of Section #1.

f. Subordinate to Chief of Engineers:

Warehouse keepers for engineers, supplies and equipment

g. Subordinate to Chief of Sanitation Service:

Chief of medical personnel and sanatoria  
Deputy commanders of the Political and Technical Divisions  
Supply officers of the companies are to handle questions closely connected with their social welfare through their responsible deputies, after reporting to their C.O.

2. Relative to Secret Commands

According to M.3. (?) 105 this year, all military sections, staffs, (illegible), institutions and divisions of the National Army are to nominate and prepare themselves for leading the service, as well as for correspondence.

The secret designations of the division within the brigade are shown in Attachment No. 1.

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Division "a" of the Brigade has the right to carry on official correspondence with divisions of the army, staffs, and other units outside the Brigade, as is done in civilian institutions.

This correspondence can pass only through the staff of the Brigade. District regulations (decisions) published by the staff and services of the Brigade are sent according to the address lists No. 1, 2 and 3 (Attachment No. 2).

The carrying on of official correspondence between divisions of the Brigade, between sections of the staff and services, as between the staffs and the services - - - - (illegible) - - - -. Most questions are to be settled through personal meetings of the commanders or chiefs concerned, as correspondence is used only in cases closely connected with material or financial matters or the necessity of documentation. For easier disposition of the correspondence, each section of the staff of the brigade, supply division, technical division and the services is assigned a symbol. (Attachment No. 1)

Official correspondence must be printed (typed) and duplicated for easy indication of - - - - (illegible) - - - - for the secret service of the army.

In every official letter or order, whether done on a blank or not, a symbol is placed after the cipher of the secret designation of the division, and after the symbol of the section or service which originated the correspondence. The symbol is inserted after the ordinal number from the daily journal (log). Example: No. 6672-B-A. Official correspondence must be registered and conserved according to the indication of the by-laws of the secret service of the army.

The staff of the brigade should organize a Secret Section for necessary work of the staff, the technical and supply divisions and the services. It is the aim for each division to have one clerk from the Secret Section.

The staffs of the tank battalion should organize secret sections for the needs of the entire battalion.

The independent companies should preserve (protect) their official correspondence according to the instructions of the by-laws (regulations) of the secret service of the army.

Open correspondence is to be registered and preserved in the archives of the staff, divisions and services.

All communications of personnel of the brigade both within and without the barracks area will use only the secret designation of the divisions.

### 3. Concerning Private Correspondence of Members of the Brigade

Personnel of the brigade who will receive their private correspondence in the barracks must inform their relatives of the number of the division and the garrison. For example: "For Private Ivan Stoyakov Vasilev - Division B 6682 - Sliven".

It must be impressed on all ranks, especially the soldiers, not to mention in their private correspondence the real (open) designation of their division, company in which they serve, or - - (illegible) - - under (?) whom they serve.

### 4. Concerning Censorship Service

The censorship service is to be organized by (of) the chiefs of Section "B" of the staff of the brigade according to "The Temporary - - - (illegible) - - of the Censorship Service of the Army". On all questions connected with the censorship service - - - (illegible) - - - are to be referred to me.

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All material destined for the military or civilian press and news bulletins of the divisions must be submitted to the chief of the section for his approval.

Such material may not be given to editors or printers or --- (illegible) - of news bulletins (posters) without bearing the seal and the wording, "Authorized for printing by the Military Censorship Service", and the signature of the chief of section "H". (Translator's note: This letter or symbol is so indistinct that the "H" is just a guess.)

Material destined for the newspaper Narodna Vojska (National Army) and all Army publications should be sent directly to the editors concerned.

5. Concerning the Issuance of Orders

Orders of a personal structure, --- (illegible) --- material, --- (illegible) --- and financial responsibility will be originated by me - for brigade divisions and services and from commanders of tank battalions - for their divisions and services.

Orders concerning morale, political and war preparations will originate with me and the commanders of the tank battalions. My deputy commanders for the political, supply ("TIL") and technical branches and their staffs in the brigade will sign "By command of" ("Po Zapoved") official correspondence and decisions delivered only to branches of the brigade.

6. Concerning the use of the Organizational Report Book (Morning Report)

The staff of the brigade will keep an Organizational Report book in which will be entered reports concerning the movement of personnel of the staff, services, and staff branches, and requests for approval of leave for the above. The reports are to be written thus:

- (First line illegible)
- by my deputy for supply (TIL)
- For personnel of the Technical Branch and Technical companies - by my deputy for the Technical Division
- For personnel of the engineering, chemical, and sanitary services - by the deputy chief.
- (next line illegible)

7. Concerning --- (illegible) --- and --- (illegible) --- of the Reports

Official reports to me must be sent through channels of those on active duty.

All persons reporting should release in advance the question upon which they will report, and will appear before me with concrete proposition or requests.

Arrangements of an especially important character should be reported to me ready for signature.

Reports are to be prepared in accordance with Attachment No. 3.

8. Concerning the Obtaining of Information at the Brigade Staff, etc.

Official information will be given out at the Brigade Staff. Supply and Technical divisions every day between the hours of 11:00 and 12:00 only. Information may be obtained only from the commanders of branches and chiefs of staff of the tank battalions.

Aimless standing about in the corridors and offices is absolutely forbidden.

Information for civilians can be issued only on Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

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9. Concerning the Issuing of Identity (?) Books

All newly formed organizations or those newly entering the Brigade will take out new identity (?) books with the exception of the official papers of the motor transport funds and the description of weapons.

Beginning today the numbering of official correspondence will start again with No. 1.

In the upper right-hand corner of an inner page of each identity booklet is to be written the authority under which it is carried.

10. Concerning Entrance to the Barracks Area

Entrance to the Brigade area is as follows:

- Officers, NCOs and clerks - with special entrance card with photograph attached.

Entry cards (permits should be obtained at once from the Brigade staff and by the 20th of this month they should be filled out with photograph attached and returned for inspection.

- Soldiers - regular, signed leave cards on which should be noted the time of exit and re-entry.

- Civilians - only on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. They are to be investigated by the area officer of the day who will supply them with special passes for each visit. During all movement of a civilian within the barracks area he will be accompanied by a local guard. The latter is not to allow the civilian to enter into conversation with any personnel of the Brigade.

Attachments: one table of secret designations  
one address list  
one table of reports

(Signed) Lt. Colonel \_\_\_\_\_ (POPOV)

(Countersigned) Deputy C.O. for Political Section

\_\_\_\_\_ (TSOKOV)

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#1 - To - - -

#2 - Branch #7950

#3 - 14 - according to the address list #3

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Attachment #1

For L.P. Order #4/48

TABLE

For Secret Designations and Symbols of Sections  
and Services of 3 Tank Brigade

No	Open Designations	Secret Designations	Symbol
1.	3 Tank Brigade	6670	-
2.	Deputy Commander Political Section	6671	-
3.	Brigade Staff	6672	(?)
	Operations Section	-	A
	Intelligence Section	-	P
	Liaison Section	-	R
	Construction Section	-	G
	Mobilization Section	-	D
	Secret Section	-	E
4.	✓ Deputy C.O. for "TIL" (Supply, etc)	6673	-
	Transport Section	-	I
	(illegible) Section	-	II
	O.O. Supply	-	III
	Technical Builder	-	IV
5.	Controller - Bookkeeper	6692	-
6.	Treasurer	6693	-
7.	✓ Deputy C.O. for Technical Branch	6674	-
	Exploitation and Park Service	-	1
	Automobile Section	-	2
	Repair Section	-	3
	Supply	-	4
	Technical Control Service	-	5
	(illegible)	-	6
8.	/ Engineer Service	-	7
9.	/ Chemical Service	-	8
10.	Sanitary Service	-	(?)
11.	/ (illegible) Company	6676	-
12.	Technical Companies	6677	-
13.	Medical Sanitorium	6678	-
14.	Headquarters Platoon	6679	-
15.	1 Tank Battalion	6681	-
16.	Staff of 1 Tank Battalion	6682	-
17.	2 Tank Battalion	6683	-
18.	Staff of 2 Tank Battalion	6684	-
19.	3 Tank Battalion	6686	-
20.	/ Staff of 3 Tank Battalion	6687	-
21.	T.V. Batteries	6688	-
22.	Motorized Infantry Company	6689	-

CHIEF OF STAFF  
3 Tank Brigade

Attachment #2

Per L.P. Order #4/1948

ADDRESS LIST

For sending out district orders, regulations, etc.  
to units of 3 Tank Brigade

#1

1. Deputy C.O. of the Political Section	6671
2. Deputy C.O. of "TIL"	6673
3. Deputy C.O. of the Technical Branch	6674
4. Chief of the Sanitary Service	"H" (I)
5. Chief of Engineers	"H" (J)
6. Chief of Chemical Service	"3" (Z)

#2

1. Commander of the Staff (Headquarters Company	6676
2. Commander of the 1 Tank Battalion	6681
3. Commander of the 2 Tank Battalion	6683
4. Commander of the 3 Tank Battalion	6686
5. Commander of the T.V. Battery	6688
6. Commander of the Motorized Infantry Company	6689

#3

Included in the indicators of #1 and #2.

REMARKS: The C.O. of the Technical Company receives his orders from the Deputy C.O. of the Technical Branch (Division).  
The C.O. of the Headquarters Company will receive his orders from the Deputy C.O. of "TIL".  
Chief of the Sanitorium will received his orders from the Chief of the Sanitation Service.

CHIEF OF STAFF, 3 Tank Brigade \_\_\_\_\_

Attachment #3

Per L.P. Order #4/1948

TABLE of times for reporting to the  
Commanding Officer of Brigade

Reporting Officer		Time of Reports	
		Day	Hour
1.	Deputy C.O. of the Political Section	Every day	0800-0830
2.	Deputy C.O. of "TIL"	Every day	0830-0900
3.	Deputy C.O. of Technical Division	Every day	0900-0930
4.	Chief of Staff	Every day	1430-1530
5.	Chief of -(illegible)	Every day	0930-0945
6.	Chief of Chemical Service	At need	0945-1000
7.	Chief of Sanitation Service	At need	1000-1015
8.	Controller - Bookkeeper	At need	1015-1030
9.	All unit commanders	At need	1100-1200

REMARKS: In the event of an urgent or critical situation, the reporting officer may report at another time than that assigned to him, but first obtaining my permission by telephone.

CHIEF OF STAFF - 3 Tank Brigade \_\_\_\_\_

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